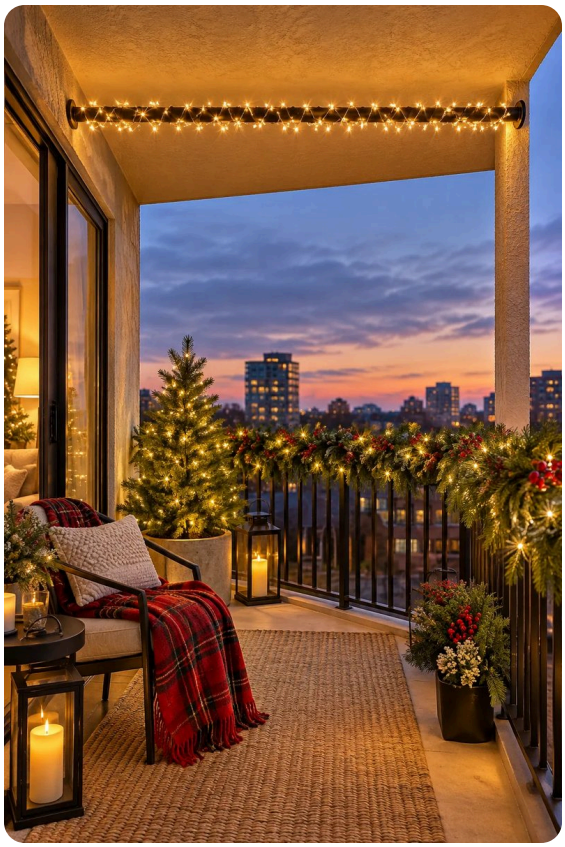
Renter's Balcony Gear List

Securely install a wind-proof, fully decorated holiday setup without drilling a single hole.

Create a festive outdoor space that safely draws power from inside while protecting your security deposit. Use this complete gear list and no-drill method to bring your winter wonderland to life.



Key Installation Specs

< 1/4 in
Under-door flat cord clearance

Max 1 in
Bare rod between light wraps

12-18 in
Zip tie spacing for wind

45 degrees
Angle to bend faux branches

5-10 lbs
Gravel base for tree stability

Min 2 in
Cord box elevation above puddles

Test Before You Tie

Always plug in your entire loosely draped light display to verify every bulb illuminates perfectly before tightening dozens of heavy-duty fasteners around your metal rental railing.

No-Drill Installation

1. **Route the Power** Slip the flat cord under the weatherstripping and secure to the interior baseboard with painter's tape.
2. **Hang the Overhead** Coil lights tightly around the tension rod, then wedge it firmly between your balcony side walls.
3. **Secure the Garland** Anchor faux pine to the railing using green zip ties, trimming the tails flat with cutters.
4. **Protect the Plugs** Bundle excess wire with velcro straps and tuck inside an elevated water-resistant cord cover box.

Balcony Gear List

- [ ] Flat ribbon extension cord for draft-free routing
- [ ] Heavy-duty black tension rod for overhead lights
- [ ] Outdoor-rated fairy lights and photocell timer
- [ ] Heavy-duty green zip ties and flush cutters
- [ ] Concrete-look planter and gravel for weighted base
- [ ] Weatherproof cord cover box and velcro straps
- [ ] Shatterproof UV-resistant plastic ornaments
- [ ] Painter's tape to secure indoor cords

Check Before You Install

- ○ Check your lease agreement for exterior railing modification rules.
- ○ Verify your indoor electrical setup has a dedicated GFCI-protected outlet.
- ○ Check the tension rod packaging for the manufacturer's weight rating.
- ○ Confirm all fairy lights and extension cords are explicitly outdoor-rated.

Find Your Power Limits

Find your row: **Your chosen light type**

Your chosen light type	Your pick	Why
Standard LED (33 ft)	Max 40+ strands	Draws very little energy
C9 LED Bulbs (25 ft)	Max 20 strands	Moderate energy requirement
Incandescent Mini (20 ft)	Max 10 strands	Higher wattage draw
Incandescent C9 (25 ft)	Max 2 strands	Quickly overloads standard breakers

Balcony Styling Notes

Enjoy your cozy, illuminated balcony all season long without losing your security deposit!